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1. ON JANUARY 14, INDUSTRY MINISTER KONOFAGOS ANNOUNCED
ELEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAM TO MAXIMIZE LOCAL ENERGY
SOURCES AND THEIR EFFICIENT USE:
(A) INCREASE IN PRODUCTION OF LIGNITE AS SUBSTITUTE
FOR OIL CONSUMED BY PUBLIC POWER CORPORATION (PPC)
(B) MERGER OF PPC AND LIPTOL (PPC-OWNED, BUT AUTONOMOUS
AGENCY WHICH DEVELOPS AND OPERATES LIGNITE MINES AT PTOLEMAIS)
TO IMPROVE COORDINATION OF LIGNITE OPERATIONS.
(C) REOPENING OF INTERNATIONAL TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT
SEVEN LGNITE EXCAVATORS AND FIVE STACKERS INITIALLY HELD
BY LIPTOL IN 1972 AND AWARDED TO KRUPP.
(D) COMMENCEMENT OF THASSOS OIL PRODUCTION ASAP
AND ACCELERATION OF EXPOLRATION IN OTHER AREAS.
(E) REITERATION OF GOG INTENTION TO EFFECT NEW POLICY
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OF CRUDE PROCUREMENT TO ENSURE GREEK INTERESTS ARE SAFEGUARDED.

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(F) ESTABLISHMENT IN INDUSTRY MINISTRY SPECIAL AGENCY TO OBSERVE AND STUDY ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO OIL EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION. AGENCY WOULD CONSIST OF SEVERAL SCIENTISTS SUPPORTED BY FRENCH OIL INSTITUTE EXPERTS.

(G) DESIGNATION OF 5-MEMBER COMMITTEE IN INDUSTRY MINISTRY TO NEGOTIATE REVISION OF OCEANIC CONTRACT.

2. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER DETAILS AS AVAILABLE.

3. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT MINISTER'S STATEMENT DID NOT TOUCH QUESTIONS OF PHILIPPI PEAT FIELDS AND THE BECHTEL NUCLEAR POWER CONSULTANCY CONTRACT.
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